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FM AMEMBASSY PORT OF SPAIN

TO SECSTATE WASHDC IMMEDIATE 7361

AMEMBASSY MADRID IMMEDIATE

UNCLAS PORT OF SPAIN 0275

E.O. 11652: N/A

TAGS: TBIO, ECEM, TD

SUBJECT: HEALTH HAZARDS OF SKIN DECALS

REF: A. POS 215, 216 AND .6; B. MADRID 671

1. FRONT PAGE OF DAILY "EXPRESS" NEWSPAPER FEB 4 ALLEGES THAT:
"UNITED STATES EMBASSY OFFICIALS IN SPAIN, AT THE REQUEST OF THE
TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO GOVERNMENT, HAVE FOUND TATTOOS, THE NEW
COLOURED FAD TO HIT THE COUNTRY, HARMLESS." THE PAPER STATES IT
WAS SO INFORMED BY THE MANAGER OF THE LOCAL IMPORTER/DISTRIBUTOR
FOR THE FUNSTIK TATTOOS DESCRIBED IN REFTELS A. THE ARTICLE
FURTHER STATES THAT US OFFICIALS "VISITED THE ORTEGA FACTORY IN
SPAIN WHERE THE TATTOOS ARE MADE AND INVESTIGATIONS PROVED
THAT THEY ARE SAFE."

2. OBVIOUSLY, SPANISH MANUFACTURER HAS CAPITALIZED ON
INQUIRIES BY AMEMBASSY MADRID REPORTED REF B AND IS MAKING IT
APPEAR THAT US OFFICIALS CONDUCTED INDEPENDENT INVESTIGATION THERE.

3. THIS FURTHER HEIGHTENS OUR CONCERN AT INABILITY TO GET RESPONSE
FROM USG REGARDING FUNSTIK TATTOOS FOLLOWING REPEATED
INQUIRIES FROM THE GOTT. THE MINISTER OF HEALTH FEB 3
ANNOUNCED THAT THE GOVERNMENT IS AWAITING REPORTS FROM US.

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4. ACTION: REQUEST IMMEDIATE REPLY TO REFS A WHICH CAN

BE CONVEYED TO GOVERNMENT OF TRINIDAD AND TOBAGO.
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